

House Resolution No. 93

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, fifty years ago Verlon R. Mathes took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Mary Elizabeth Helms, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which was performed on January 12, 1955, in Oates, Missouri; and

Whereas, five decades later Verlon and Mary Mathes of Bixby will observe their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends on January 15, 2005, at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Goodland; and

Whereas, the marriage of Verlon and Mary Mathes has been richly blessed down through the years by the love and affection of their children, Allen, Linda, Robin, Patricia, Cindy, and Brent; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild; and

Whereas, retired from General Motors, Verlon Mathes has garnered and maintained an exceptional reputation for his endeavors as two-term mayor of Centerville, a Mason, a twelve-year member of the Centerville Board of Education, a member of the Missouri Regional Planning Commission, a member of the Iron County Democrat Club, a fisherman, a hunter, and an ordained minister since 1962; and

Whereas, a retired cosmetologist, Mary Mathes likewise enjoys an exemplary reputation for her efforts as the vice chair of the Iron County Democratic Committee, a member of the Democrat Club, a member of the Quilting Club, and an excellent quilter, baker, food canner, and flower gardener; and

Whereas, Verlon and Mary Mathes will use the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Verlon and Mary Mathes and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Verlon and Mary Mathes of Bixby, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative J.C. Kuessner
District No. 152

Representative Brad Robinson
District No. 107

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do

certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 93, adopted January 12, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker